(b) and (c) The credit to industries in the State of Maharashtra compares favourably with other States. Financing decisions are taken after due diligence on the promoter/company and after detailed appraisal with a view to ensuring that the viability and other norms are satisfied in accordance with the laid down lending policies of the institutions.

Fiscal discipline among State Governments

†2084. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated total amount to be spent in the budget of each state Government in the year 1999-2000 alongwith the State-wise expected amount to be spent on salary, allowances and establishment etc.;

(b) the estimated amount to be spent on grants in aids in 1999-2000 by each State Government, State-wise; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Central Government to bring fiscal discipline among the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The details of estimated expenditure on salary, allowances and establishement etc. alongwith estimated aggregate expenditure are available in the budget documents of the respective State Governments.

(c) State Governments, who are autonomous under the Constitutions, take appropriate measurs from time to time tyo improve their financial status. In recent months, as recommended by the NDC Sub-Committee, some States have evolved and undertaken their own medium term fiscal reform programme. These State-specific programme aim at reducing revenue and fiscal deficits through increased revenue mobilisation, reduction in non-plan revenue expenditure, correction in pricing subsidy and disinvestment.